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THREATS MADE INTRIGG COUNTY

The Association Should Come Out For Law and Order.

CLARK CO. FARMERS

Adopt Resolution Rebuking James Andrew Scott In His Presence.

The Tobacco Association of Trigg county should take immediate steps to repudiate the acts of the so called "night riders" who are making threats in the name of the Association against people who have sold their tobacco to independent buyers. We give below the form of a letter that was tied to the gates of many farmers in the vicinity of Cerulean Springs the Sunday night before Christmas. A piece of rope or grape vine was used to tie the notes to the gate posts:

"If you don't put that tobacco in organization and store it at Cobb or Cerulean we are going to give to you hell. Cadiz agreement is no go, we are running this now."

NIGHT RIDER."

Some farmers who received these letters were scared into canceling contracts. Others will pay no attention to them.

The agreement referred to was that the parties who have sold be permitted to deliver their present crops and put the future crop in the Association.

We do not believe any considerable number of citizens of Trigg county endorse such methods as this, whether the motive be to injure or benefit the Association. Certain it is that the Association cannot afford to stand for such crimes committed in its name. The Association officers in this city and county are good citizens and do not hesitate to condemn such lawlessness.

In a tobacco meeting at Winchester this week to organize the Burley growers James Andrew Scott, of Frankfort, made a fire-eating speech advising an oath-bound society, with signs and grips, and among other things, mentioned a coat of tar and feathers for emissaries of the trust found among them.

Shortly after the close of his speech, B. R. Jouett, president of the Winchester commercial club, introduced the following resolutions:

CONDEMN VIOLENCE.

"Resolved, That this convention is unalterably opposed to any action or sentiment which in any way may be construed into an approval of the outrages recently committed in the dark tobacco district. That we are opposed to the violation of law to accomplish the defeat of the opponents of our organization, and that we stand now, as we have, for the fulfillment of the law in the spirit and the letter."

This resolution was seconded by a rousing speech by Hon. W. H. Elliston, of Grant county, and was passed unanimously and with shouts of approval.

All honor to the good people of Clark county, Kentucky. This has already suffered enough by following the leadership of man-killers. We commend the spirit of the above resolution to the "Night Riders" of Trigg county.

Breathitt Stock Rising.

Judge Breathitt, of Hopkinsville, will be the next Republican nominee for governor of Kentucky. This seems to be settled both because of his fitness for the place and also from the fact that the place seems to be going a-begging. The party has made repeated attempts to get some one of its good men to accept the nomination, but so far only Judge Breathitt seems any ways willing to accept the empty honor, for that is all it will be.—Paducah News-Democrat.

JAMESTOWN CONTEST.

Two New Entries and Heavy Vote Pollled.

The vote in the Jamestown Contest has been heavy during the past week, as the figures below will show. There have been two new entries in district No. 4, Misses Ella Shadoin and Hallie Leavell. We desire to again call attention to the fact that coupons can only be voted during the month in which they appear in the Kentuckian. Where they can only be sent in by mail the postmaster must show the same month. We received some coupons this week, the envelopes bearing date of Jan. 2. These, of course, cannot be counted. The date for the complimentary vote of twenty, belonging to each subscriber, expired Monday night, Dec. 31, and the lists received since that time, were not counted. The present standing of contestants is given below:

Standing Jan. 4.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Miss Alva Lewis, Pembroke..... 805

Miss Coy Osborne, Laytonsville..... 684

Miss Bessie Walker 21

Miss Cora Burt, Pembroke 4

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Miss Maybel Dillman, Pemb. R. 1477

Miss Edna Perry, Pemb. R. 2., 1017

Miss Ledia Logan, West Fork..... 830

Miss Bessie L. Thacker, LaFte. 847

Miss Irene Giles, Howell..... 408

Miss Zetta Lee Dawson, B'town 153

Miss Katie Moon, B'town 27

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Miss Lois Adcock, Church Hill, 1908

Miss Edna Adams, Church Hill, 1908

Miss Florence Major, Hop. R. 4 504

Miss Alice Harris, Hop. R. 5 314

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Miss Maud Shanklin..... 1714

Miss Mattie Gaines..... 452

Miss Anna Woodbridge..... 255

Miss Bessie Richardson..... 110

Miss Nina Wootton..... 41

Miss Ella Shadoin..... 80

Miss Hallie Leavell..... 80

MISSING VOTES.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Submitted to the Council at
the First Meeting of the
New Year.

REVIEW OF 1906 WORK.

Recommendations Made For the Present Year—Sew- ers Considered Most Important.

The city council met last night and held a very busy session, as the annual reports were submitted in addition to the usual routine business. Mayor Chas. M. Meacham read his annual message to the council, which is published herewith, and announced the standing committees for 1907. The message follows:

To the Board of County of the City of Hopkinsville:

GENTLEMEN:

Following my usual custom, I shall at this, the first meeting of the new year, submit to your honorable board a review of the past year's work and recommend to you certain matters for your consideration during the year 1907.

When the present administration came into office one year ago the financial condition of the city was shown by the following debts:

Issue of 1901-10-30 bonds,	4 per cent	\$61,000
Note Fire Building lot, held by City Back, 6 p. c.	1,700 00	
Note for Jail purchase, held by City Bank, 6 p. c.	1,000 00	
Note and interest street roller, held by C. H. Nash	1,044 00	
Unpaid bills \$423.20,		
Board of Health \$300		
account	723 20	
Deficit in general fund	\$888 37	

Total debts	\$74,355 07
By your wise management of affairs the following exhibit can now be made:	
Issue of bonds described above	\$51,000 00
Fire Building note de- scribed above	1,700 00
Jail Building note, de- scribed above	1,000 00
Cemetery purchase note, [1906].	1,750 00
Deficit in general fund, December 31	4,173 33

Total debts	\$59,623 38
Reduction in debts	14,732 24

The bonded debt was reduced \$10,712.50, principal and premium, by using one-half of the sinking fund to retire bonds not due for five years. The floating debt was reduced by paying off \$1,767.20 of notes and accounts brought over from 1905, and by reducing the deficit in the general fund \$4,715.04, a total of \$17,194.74, less the new note of \$1,750.

There still remains in the sinking fund nearly \$11,000 to borrow from in case the general fund becomes over-checked.

The bonds retired were exempted from taxes and were really 51 per cent., so that the real saving to the city amounts to \$550 a year on these bonds, while the other debts paid represent further savings.

The new cemetery note was for improved property, two houses upon it renting for \$160. The purchase was made in order to secure a valuable addition to the cemetery and for the further purpose of acquiring and controlling property that was being used for immoral purposes. Including this investment, the floating debt, which was \$13,855.57 Jan. 1, 1906, is reduced to \$8,623.33. Of this, \$4,450 was used to purchase three pieces of real estate needed for public purposes, that would to-day sell for more than enough to wipe out the entire floating debt. So it is really not a debt, since it is more than offset by the property purchased.

In connection with this financial exhibit, I think I am justified in congratulating you upon your unequalled record as a working council, as shown by actual results.

I have summed up briefly and classified under appropriate headings some of the important measures that have received your favorable attention. I have included in the summary some matters accomplished by executive orders, but I claim no credit for myself, for I have never found you ready to support me in all I have undertaken, while it has been my pleasure at all times to

submit the laws you have made to the record thus made.

Reform Measures.

1. Liabilities no longer permitted to obstruct sidewalks, thereby forcing ladies to walk in the streets.

2. Sunday laws enforced. Screens removed from saloon doors on Sundays.

3. Bawdy houses adjacent to Hopewell Cemetery suppressed and permanently removed from that locality.

4. Vagrants vigorously prosecuted and many driven from the city.

5. Gambling houses suppressed and many gamblers forced to seek other fields for their operations.

6. Nude advertising pictures on bill boards suppressed.

7. Eating stands, fish carts and other such nuisances removed from streets in business section.

8. Ordinance against profanity enforced.

9. Heavy penalties imposed upon crap shooting and other forms of gambling.

10. Lid put on and written pledges obtained from saloon men not to violate the Sunday laws.

11. Fines worked out on streets, \$1,000.20.

Progressive Measures.

1. Passage of stock law prohibiting cattle from running on the streets.

2. War on Canada thistles and weeds.

3. Fifty acres of territory added to the city.

4. Many new streets opened and others projected.

5. Ordinance passed to connect North and West sides by an avenue from Main to Elm street.

6. Up-to-date revision of city ordinances under way.

7. Steps taken to improve Seventh Street Bridge.

8. Nine feet of ground on South side of Seventh street leased from L. C. Railroad to widen bridge approach.

9. Purchase of a patrol wagon at \$204.50.

10. Additional policeman (mounted when necessary) added to the force, for enforcing stock law and other special work.

11. City building overhauled and fire proof vaults provided for records.

12. Chief of Police provided with well furnished private office.

Improvement Measures.

1. Radical improvements in police force.

2. New workhouse purchased from county at cost of \$1,000 (old jail property.)

3. Fire limits extended.

4. Two fire horses purchased for \$300.

5. Added 1,200 feet of new hose at cost of \$1,023.92.

6. Wagon and team for street work purchased at cost of \$400. (Old horse sold for \$150.)

7. Crushed stone contracted for at 75 cents delivered.

8. Building permits aggregating \$16,420 issued.

9. Appropriation of 2,000 bushels of coal for the poor.

10. Appropriation of \$1,500 from White School Fund for aid of colored people. (By agreement.)

11. New fence around the cemetery and tool house built.

12. Wagon shed in rear of fire building built.

13. Health officer abated 360 nuisances. Removed 200 hogs from pens in city.

14. Cubic yards of crushed stone used.

15. Out of \$46,430 of 1906 taxes \$43,300 collected.

Business Measures.

1. New contract reducing street lights from \$75 to \$70 and increasing lights from 77 to 90 at increase of only \$385 a year. Present contract \$3,300.

2. New contract with Water Company at a saving of \$320 a year, after adding 6 new fire plugs. Present contract \$4,320 of which the county pays \$80.

3. Seventeenth street sewer controversy settled after 10 years of trouble, at a cost of \$150.

4. Rough stone valleys replaced with concrete to extent of \$787.

5. Many concrete side walks ordered down on principal streets.

6. Trial of Kentucky asphalt on Seventeenth street, made at expense of \$1,750.

7. License system re-arranged and extended, bringing new revenues to city.

8. Thirteen acres of territory added to Hopewell Cemetery at cost of \$1,750 for land and improvements thereon.

9. Street improvements to value of \$3,411.

10. Property assessment increased \$400,000.

11. The receipts from the sale of dog tags was increased from \$30 in 1905 to \$269 in 1906.

12. The receipts from the city pound were \$134.65.

13. The city fire department during the year answered 42 alarms, 36 fires and 6 false alarms. Origin of fires: 16 unknown, 11 defective flues, 1 lamp explosion, 2 ash-heaps and 2 from grates.

14. Forty ordinances passed.

15. Board of Health appropriation for 1906 adjusted at \$300.

16. Liquor licenses \$8,563.12. Other licenses, \$2,390.91. Total \$10,954.03.

17. Net cash police court collections \$3,381.51. Arrests 895.

18. Cemetery receipts \$1,997.35.

Measures of Public Good.

1. Bonded debt reduced from \$61,000 to \$51,000.

2. Floating debt reduced from \$13,355.27 to \$8,673.33.

3. Sinking Fund increased \$8,500.

4. School Fund increased to \$20,600, a gain of \$1,734.38.

5. Hopkinsville Sewer Co.'s plant completed at cost of \$25,000 and opened for business. Company paid city \$621 for repairing damages to streets.

6. Illinois Central Railroad Co.'s Bell Line completed at approximate cost of \$30,000 and the Bell Line territory of 35 acres taken into the city.

7. Tax settlements for last five years made with deceased collector's administrator.

8. City Attorney ordered to enforce settlements with delinquent collectors previous to 1902.

9. Belmont, Seventeenth, Fifteenth, Third and East Seventh streets and O'Neal Avenue rebuilt and improved.

10. Vigorous steps taken to restrain mox law prevented cancellation of insurance policies on tobacco.

Other Measures.

1. Belmont Park, near South Kentucky College, improved. College campus greatly beautified.

2. Many unsightly fences removed by citizens and stone and concrete walls substituted.

3. Ordinance passed requiring grass to be cut on streets and sidewalks.

4. Trees to the number of 130 planted in Hopewell cemetery.

5. Unshady outbuildings and fences on lot in rear of city building removed.

6. "Weedicide" tried as an experiment on improved streets.

7. Strict regulations against depositing rubbish on streets.

8. Street cleaner employed and kept always on duty.

9. Liverymen required to stop washing buggies on the streets.

10. Provision made for lighting many streets not heretofore lighted.

This list might be further extended, but it is already long enough to justify the assertion that no Council in the history of the city has ever accomplished as much in one year.

The city has enjoyed an era of great prosperity. It has been free from serious epidemics, labor disturbances, mob violence and other drawbacks to its advancement. The failure of the city to secure a street railway system last year, a destructive fire near the L. & N. railroad in the early summer and a disastrous flood caused by the overflowing of Little River on Nov. 20, were the only happenings that interfered with a year of remarkable prosperity.

Present Conditions.

The new year opens with conditions all that could be hoped for and with no obstacles ahead to hinder our present rapid increase in population and commercial importance. The members of the Council after working a year together have harmonized any differences of opinion that may have divided them upon questions of public policy and have been welded into a harmonious body of faithful public servants. Public approval of your work has been almost universal and your most stringent reform measures have been enacted into laws without arousing unfriendly opposition.

The city has a large colored population but no race prejudice appears to exist. This is shown by the aid and encouragement given to colored schools and by the determination of the leaders of the colored people to discourage any litigation, as shown in two recent instances. Outsliders who threatened

suits against the city calculated to arouse a bitter feeling between the races were prevented from causing trouble by the prompt and effective efforts of the better class of citizens.

Discusses Reports.

Each and every department of the city government is able to make a good showing.

Soon after the beginning of the fiscal year, the city tax collector, Gus Tandy, was removed by death, after an illness of several months. Your honorable body in electing H. C. Moore to the vacancy thus created was fortunate in selecting a man who was in every way qualified to succeed him, and who has performed his duties with great efficiency. The City Engineer has looked closely to the street improvements, which have amounted to about \$8,368, (paid in part by the Hopkinsville Sewerage Co.). The new year finds the streets in fine repair, whereas a year ago many of them were in bad condition following the laying of pipes and some of them almost impassable. Much credit is due Engineer B. F. McClard for this improved condition of the streets. The Police Department has made a commendable record. Starting in with a force made up largely of new men, the department has become so efficient that your honorable body wisely selected the entire force by unanimous vote. There have been but few violations of rules reported to me and only mild forms of discipline have been resorted to and these in but few cases. The good work done by Chief Ella Roper and Lieut. Booth Morris and the men working under them is shown by the fact that the cash collections through the office have been increased from \$2,395 in 1905 to \$4,049. There have been no dissensions among the policemen, but they have all worked together in harmony and have proved themselves so discreet and humane that not in a single instance has one of them used his bullet upon a prisoner in making an arrest. I think I may be pardoned when I say I am proud of the entire force. Some months ago the Fidelity company bonding the police retired from that branch of business and the officers were all required to give personal bonds, many leading business men of both parties volunteering to go upon them.

Charity—Coal

At the beginning of last year your board appropriated 2,000 bushels of coal for charity orders at 11c, making \$220. I adopted the plan of investigating the needs of applicants, or having it done through organized charity associations, and was thereby enabled to guard against imposition.

During the year I gave 60 orders of \$1 each to colored applicants and 37 to white. Of the 1906 appropriation, I have \$125 to remain in the treasury, or to check upon for another year.

I shall, with your approval, continue to follow out my policy of furnishing free coal only in deserving cases to relieve actual distress, of which there seems to be very little in the city.

Recommendations.

I will now call your attention to some matters, that in my judgment, should receive your attention this year.

I regard the question of providing the city with adequate surface drainage as the most important problem you will have to consider. The sewers of the city heretofore deemed large enough, have recently become inadequate in times of sudden freshets. This may be attributed to several causes. The heavy rainfall during the last few months have established new high-water marks in the city. The changes in the grades of some streets have concentrated increased volumes of water into certain sewers. The filling of several large ponds east of the L. & N. railroad has left the surface water to be disposed of as it falls instead of being collected in natural reservoirs. The main sewer on 9th street is more of less obstructed by the presence in it of some sewer pipes emptying sewerage into the river at the mouth of the surface sewer. These pipes should be removed, as they occupy space in the sewer that has become very valuable. All of these things contribute to the trouble and my judgment is that the cause of screenings on streets is another cause, perhaps the principal cause of the recent troubles. The screenings are washed into the sewers and being insoluble remain there and in many cases fill the sewers. I believe we should substitute clay for screenings in our street building un-

til we find something better. If the clay washes into the sewer it dissolves in the water and passes through, leaving no bad results. Besides, I believe clay is better to hold the stone in place than the screenings, which have no adhesive qualities. This whole question of sewers is a most serious one and it may be found to be a problem of such magnitude that its settlement will require a bond issue. The large open sewer on Fourth street should be put under ground and it may be found necessary to construct another down Tenth street. The Fourth street sewer should, when it is built, be of concrete, under the present sidewalk, with a flat top to be used as a sidewalk. This plan would place the cost of the top of the sewer on the property owners, under the ordinance requiring property owners to construct sidewalks. I would recommend that this question be looked into in a most thorough manner and I regard it of so much importance that I shall create a new standing committee on sewers.

The Bridges.

In my last message I recommended the improvement of the Seventh street bridge, and this question was taken up last fall and is now receiving your consideration. I now recommend that the North Main street bridge be practically rebuilt, provided the Fiscal Court will assist in a work that the county also feels the urgent need of.

New Streets.

Several new streets were opened last year and there is need of others. High street should be extended to the city limits and made to intersect another new street that would extend from Main street to the Canton park. I have taken this matter up with the property owners and think they would be willing to donate the right of way, as it would open up the elevated residence section on the South side and place many buildings out on the market.

Street Names.

The boards containing the names of many streets have become worn out and new markers should be put up, at least on all important street corners.

More Territory.

The residence section on the West side of South Virginia street to the point to which the city limits were recently extended on the East side of said street, should be annexed to the city, as this territory is destined to be one of the most desirable residence sections of the city and the entire Bell Line district should be taken into the city and given all needed protection.

Emergency Fund.

A small fund should be set aside for emergency uses by the Mayor, or by some member of the Council if preferred. Matters sometimes come up that call for cash expenditures, such as railroad tickets for officers, compensation for special services and other such matters. The present plan of calling upon some official to advance the money from his own pocket is not business-like, or in keeping with the dignity of a city like ours.

Public Vault.

The Cemetery is in urgent need of some more improvements. First of all, a public vault for temporary burial purposes should be provided near the center of the cemetery. The north side of the main entrance of the grounds should be graded and the wash across the grounds stopped.

A broad driveway should be constructed along the riverside, extending entirely around the cemetery, from one entrance to the other. The unsightly pond in the unimproved part, with a little dredging, could be made a pretty little lake.

I would suggest that the name of the cemetery be changed from Hopewell to Riverside. Few people understand the significance of the present name, while the proposed one would not only be prettier, but distinctive and appropriate in every way.

Public Fountain.

The Christian County Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy has started a movement to erect a public drinking fountain on one of the principal streets. This is a most praiseworthy object and should be encouraged by you in every legitimate way. It is not likely that you will be asked to make an appropriation, but the location of the fountain will be a question that will come up for your consideration.

Coal Yard Nuisance.

The coal yard owned by the L. & N. railroad, west of the passenger depot, should be declared a nuisance and ordered removed by April 1st. This small space should be beautified and made attractive to the eye and at the same time give the public free access to the depot. This matter is now in the hands of a committee, but an order should be made to bring it to a settlement before spring.

New Streets Deeded.

All new additions platted for the sale of building lots should be under your control and no streets should be opened without your approval. Several streets have been recently laid off to fit the territory rather than to comply with the demands of the city for uniform squares and straight and regular streets. Many of the streets now used by the city have never been formally deeded to the city and in one instance last year a street that had been recognized as such for 13 years, was delinquent and fenced in. No improvements of any kind should be made on the city's title to the street, as is undisputed.

Garbage Cans.

Garbage cans should be placed on the streets to receive the scrap and litter from the stores, and merchants should be required to furnish their own cans where the city wagons

are in the habit of hauling away the litter without cost to them. No boxes or barrels should be allowed on the sidewalks to receive garbage in the business section.

Sign Boards.

Some of the merchants have fallen into the habit of setting loose board advertisements about the street corners. This should be prohibited, as these signs often fall across the sidewalks in the valleys and prove to be obstructions.

Street Railway.

The failure of the street railway project last winter was a matter of general regret and I am sure the council will join me in extending a warm welcome to any company that may, in good faith, desire to secure a street railway franchise.

Juvenile Court.

The present so-called Juvenile Court law, passed by the last legislature, is a positive obstacle to the administration of law in this and other cities. When boys 17 years of age are protected from punishment by a mixture of red tape and sentimentality, it is no wonder that bad results follow. We should use all our efforts next year to secure the repeal of this law by the General Assembly.

Old Tax Collections.

The delinquent tax collectors for the several years preceding 1902 have never settled in full with the city and suits should be brought to compel settlements without further delay.

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Licenses.

Last year the license system was considerably extended, but there are other lines of business that should be required to pay a license, notably telegraph companies, express companies and telephone companies operating without franchises. There are several telephone companies assessed for taxes in the city and only one of them has a franchise. The Court of Appeals has decided in a test case from Eminence that a license tax cannot be imposed upon a telephone company that has bought a franchise, the inference being that it can be done where such is not the case. A heavy license tax should be fixed in such cases, or rather the companies should be forced to buy franchises or else quit the city.

Last year you passed an ordinance imposing a license of \$10 on hucksters and this license brought into the treasury about \$35. I seriously doubt if this ordinance has benefited the people at large, who are interested in reducing the expenses of living as much as possible. So few of the hucksters were authorized to do business that they were in a position to regulate competition by organization among themselves and increase prices beyond reason and to attribute it to the license tax. I approved this ordinance reluctantly last summer and I now believe that the question of its repeal should be given your careful consideration.

Other Minor Matters.

The city workhouse, now ready for occupancy, and the lock-up for day prisoners, both should be refurnished throughout. The bedding

